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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HOWARD ET AL.

Examiner

Michael B. Holmes

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on October 31, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. This Office Action is responsive to application 10/698,171, filed October 31, 2003.
2. Claims 1-15 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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5. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 14 & 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Straforini et al.* (USPN 6,092,059).

Regarding claims 1, 4-7, 10-12, 14 & 15. *Straforini et al.* teaches generating classification outputs from a first data classifier based on first data elements, using the classification outputs and the first data elements to generate rules relating the first data elements and the classification outputs, a first data classifier configured to generate, based on first data elements, classification outputs, and a rule inducer configured to use the first data elements and the classification outputs to generate rules relating the first data elements and the classification outputs, generating classification outputs based on first data elements provided to a first data classifier, and generate rules relating the first data elements and the classification outputs, based on the first data elements and the classification outputs [see Abstract, C 3, L 47 to C 4, L 17, C 17, L 23-35, Fig. 3, C 10, L 49 to C 11, L 43].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 2, 3, 8, 9 & 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Straforini et al.* (USPN 6,092,059) in view of *Rangachar* (USPN 5,495,521).

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Straforini et al. has been discussed above and does not explicitly describe the limitations of claims 2, 3, 8, 9 & 13. However, *Rangachar* describe the limitations of claims 2, 3, 8, 9 & 13.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 8, 9 & 13. the first data elements include data based on usage of a telecommunications network and the data include call detail records [see Abstract]. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a persons having ordinary skill in the art to combine *Straforini et al.* with *Rangachar* because fraudulent telephone calls are a major source of revenue loss to telephone service providers [see C 1, L 24-25].

Correspondence Information

8. Any inquires concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael B. Holmes, who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST. or via telephone at (571) 272-3686 or facsimile transmission (571) 273-3686 or email Michael.holmesb@uspto.gov.

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If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful the Examiner's Supervisor, Anthony Knight, may be reached at (571) 272-3687.

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